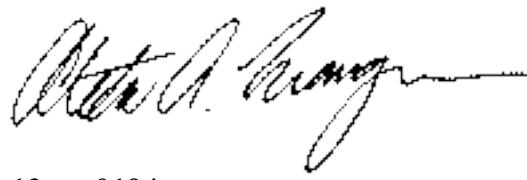


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

Motion GRANTED.

LINDA WELLS, et al.)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
SUNBELT RENTALS, INC. and)
MULTIQUIP, INC.,)
Defendants.)



Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0194
JUDGE TRAUGER

EDDIE K. WATSON, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
SUNBELT RENTALS, INC. and)
MULTIQUIP, INC.,)
Defendants.)

Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0195
JUDGE TRAUGER

MICHAEL OVER and BRENDA)
OVER, et al.,)
Plaintiffs,)
v.)
SUNBELT RENTALS, INC. and)
MULTIQUIP, INC.,)
Defendants.)

Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0196
JUDGE TRAUGER

EDDIE K. WATSON, et al.,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
)
v.) Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0410
)
UNITED STATES,)
)
Defendant.)

LINDA WELLS, as next friend and)
mother of Olivia Grace Wall, Landon)
Keith Wall and Grant Stefan Wall,)
minor children of and heirs at law of)
JAMES F. WALL, deceased,)
)
Plaintiff,)
)
v.) Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0693
)
THE UNITED STATES,)
)
Defendant.)

IN RE: TIMOTHY STONE, TYLER)
STONE, individually, C.S. and for the)
Benefit of his minor child, LOGAN)
STONE, individually, BUFORD)
STONE, individually,)
)
Plaintiffs,)
)
v.) Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0756
)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
)
Defendant.)

MICHAEL OVER, Administrator of)
the Estate of Jonathan Over, C.M.O.,)
by his Co-Guardian and next friend)
Eddie K. Watson, J.K.O., by his)
Co-Guardian and next friend Eddie K.)
Watson, MICHAEL OVER, BRENDA)
OVER, and EDDIE K. WATSON,)
)
v.) Civil Case No.: 3:13-cv-0757
) JUDGE TRAUGER
UNITED STATES,)
)
Defendant.)

MOTION FOR A STAY BECAUSE OF LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS

The United States of America hereby moves for a stay of all proceedings in the above-captioned case.

At the end of the day on September 30, 2013, the appropriations act that had been funding the Department of Justice expired and appropriations to the Department lapsed. The Department does not know when funding will be restored by Congress.

Absent an appropriation, Department of Justice attorneys are prohibited from working, even on a voluntary basis, except in very limited circumstances. These include “emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property,” 31 U.S.C. § 1342, or when Department attorneys have express legal authority to continue working such as by court order. If the Court denies this motion for a stay, the United States Attorney’s Office will comply with the Court’s order and staff the case appropriately to comply with the Court’s order.

Undersigned counsel for the Department of Justice therefore requests a stay of the entire case until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department.

If this motion for a stay is granted, undersigned counsel will notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department. The Government requests that, at that